

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

RESOLUTION NO. R7-2002-0132

COMPLETION OF THE 2001 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE 1994
WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

WHEREAS,

1. An updated Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Colorado River Basin Region was adopted by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Board) on November 17, 1993, approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on February 17, 1994, and approved by the Office of Administrative Law on August 3, 1994.
2. The Basin Plan contains the Region's water quality standards, which consist of beneficial uses and water quality objectives necessary to protect those uses.
3. Section 303(c) of the Federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C.A. 1313(c), requires that water quality standards be reviewed, and revised if necessary, at a minimum every three years.
4. Section 13240 of the California Water Code requires that Water Quality Control Plans (Basin Plans) be periodically reviewed, and revised if necessary.
5. The 1994 Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region was reviewed for adequacy and completeness. The review process satisfied the Federal Triennial Review requirements of Section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act, and the periodic review requirements of the California Water Code, Section 13240.
6. On September 13, 2001, Regional Board staff prepared and circulated a draft list of water quality issues for investigation and review, to interested persons and potentially affected parties for comment.
7. Pursuant to 40 CFR 131.20 (h), and the California Water Code Section 13244, the Regional Board notified interested persons and potentially affected parties of its intent to conduct a Public Hearing to conclude the 2001 Triennial Review. A Public Notice was circulated on April 18, 2002, with additional items added to the draft list.
8. The Regional Board held a Public Hearing on June 26, 2002 in La Quinta, California to conclude the Triennial Review and consider adoption of the draft 2001 Triennial Review List, and draft 2001 Triennial Review Workplan. The Regional Board considered all evidence provided by Regional Board staff and the public.
9. The Regional Board considered and addressed all comments received during the public comment period, and introduced at the Public Hearing.
10. This basin plan revision update process satisfies the federal triennial review requirements of Section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act and the periodic review requirements of Water Code Section 13240.
11. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region contains the essential elements required by State and Federal regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

1. In fulfillment of requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act, the Regional Board hereby acknowledges completion of the 2001 Triennial Review of the May 1994 Basin Plan, adopts the 2001 Triennial Review List identifying water quality issues in need of investigation and possible revision to the Basin Plan, and adopts the Triennial Review work plan.
2. The Regional Board hereby reaffirms those parts of the 1994 Water Quality Control Plan, including any amendments to date, that were not identified for investigation and possible revision, as being adequate at this time.
3. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region shall remain in effect in its entirety, including those areas listed on the 2001 Triennial Review List, until Basin Plan amendments are adopted.
4. The Regional Board Executive Officer is hereby directed to: correct Table 2-5 of the workplan to correctly reflect the Beneficial Use designations in the 1994 Basin Plan, prepare additional detailed work plans of any issue on the Triennial Review List, as appropriate; identify issues on the List that can be completed within existing resource allocations over a three-year period; prepare a list of projects requiring additional resources to complete; and forward the Administrative Record of the Colorado River Basin Region 2001 Triennial Review to the State Water Resources Control Board for consideration and approval.

I, Phil Gruenberg, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region on June 26, 2002.

Phil Gruenberg
Executive Officer